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HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Shawn Lane, Mayor of the City of Yellville, passed away on
April 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Lane was born on May 25, 1969, in Yellville, Arkansas,
the son of Charlie and Madelyn Carlton; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Lane was a 1987 graduate of Yellville-Summit High School
and received his Associate of Arts degree from North Arkansas College; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Lane married his beloved, Tonya Blair, on December 4,
1993, and two (2) wonderful daughters, McKenzi and Ryleigh, were born of the
marriage; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Lane worked for Yelcot Communications for thirty-four
(34) years, beginning as a part-time employee in 1991 and finishing as Vice
President of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Lane was also a fixture in Marion County community



protection, serving as a patrolman for the City of Yellville, an investigator for the Marion County Sheriff's Office, and holding the rank of Captain in the Yellville Volunteer Fire Department for over seventeen (17) years, and he also served an extended term as Marion County Deputy Coroner; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Lane was elected Mayor of the City of Yellville in 2007 and served as the city's mayor for over eighteen (18) years; and

WHEREAS, during his time as Mayor of the City of Yellville, Shawn Lane led the city in a fiscally responsible manner and led several city projects and improvement initiatives for Yellville, including creation of a rail spur for the industrial park, moving and renovating the train station into the current Heritage Society, adding upgrades to and creating an endowment for Yellville City Park, restoring and expanding Layton Cemetery, funding firemen's pensions and the Yellville Volunteer Fire Department, renovating Yellville City Hall, and adding sidewalks on the downtown square; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Lane served on the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, the Arkansas State Aid Street Committee, the Advisory Board of the Yellville First Service Bank, the Board of Directors of the Twin Lakes Community Foundation, and the Marion County Healthcare Association, and was a longtime member of the Yellville Chamber of Commerce, through which he was awarded Citizen of the Year in 2008 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Lane could be found cooking hamburgers at Yellville-Summit Panthers football games on Friday nights for over fifteen (15) years, and he loved to host and grill out, bringing people together with his amazing cooking and easygoing hospitality; and

WHEREAS, Yelcot Communications President Sara Zimmerman said of Shawn Lane, "Shawn oversaw many fiber construction projects in a six-county area. The major one was a one-hundred-fifty-three-mile fiber project from west of Yellville to the White County line south of Batesville that also connected to Mountain View. He was very proud of the Fiber-to-the-Home projects . . . that will provide high quality internet to all of our customers . . . Shawn did double duty working for Yelcot and being mayor of Yellville . . . Shawn's

passing is a large loss for Yelcot and the City of Yellville, but a greater loss for his family"; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Judge Jason Stumph described Shawn Lane as his "mentor and brother in Christ" and said Shawn Lane had always been there for him, and that as Mayor of the City of Yellville, Shawn Lane had a "passion for always improving and bettering the city he loved"; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Lane will be remembered as an esteemed businessman, a community servant, and a man with a kind heart, an unwavering sense of humor, and a passion for family, and the community will miss him dearly,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives remember Yellville Mayor Shawn Lane for his many contributions to his community and to the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Shawn Lane by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.